

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, September 21, 1727.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 14.

Hanover, Sept. 2.

THE two Battalions of Foot Guards of our Garrison, being reliev'd by a Detachment of Train-bands, marched out Yesterday morning very early, and being drawn up near the Wood of Ellerie, took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, our lawful Sovereign, in the Presence of the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness is preparing to solemnize here with great Pomp and Magnificence, the Coronation of the King his Father: Mourning will be laid aside for 3 Days on that Occasion.

Vienna, Sept. 6. The Term of the Prussian Alliance being renewed, some are of Opinion, That a new Convention will be made, to continue all Things in the present State during the seven Years Suspension of Arms. We hear that a Project is under Consideration for putting down the Ostend Company, and uniting it with our Eastern Company; upon which Occasion, several of the principal Directors of the former are come hither.

Hague, Sept. 19. Letters from Constantinople say, That the Ottoman Porte was still inclined to make Peace with the Sultan Esfref, even tho' they should be obliged to leave Persia in its former Limits, and consequently to abandon all their Conquests in that Country: But these Advices take no Notice of another Defeat of the Turkish Army, of which the Letters from France make mention.

Warsaw, Sept. 6. The Russian General who desired Prince Maurice of Saxony to desist from his Pretensions upon Courland, declared at the same Time to our Commissioners at Mittaw, That the Czar is fully resolved to live in Friendship with Poland, but cannot permit any Alteration to be made in the Government of Courland, and will oppose the same whatever the Consequences may be.

From the Supplement to the *Amsterd. Gazette* Sept. 21.

Amsterdam, Sept. 18. We have the following List of all the Ships sent to the East Indies, since setting up the Ostend Company.

In 1724, *The Emperor Charles*, which sunk in the

Ganges. *The Empress Elizabeth*, and the *Eagle*, the two latter returned to Ostend.

In 1725, *The Charles VI.* the *Empress*, and the *Marquis de Prie*; likewise return'd to Ostend.

In 1726, *The Golden Lion*, *Tyger*, *Eagle*, *Peace*, and *Hope*; four of which are expected at Ostend this Month; the 5th staid at Bengal, not having her full Lading.

In 1727, *The Archduchess Elizabeth*, *Charles VI. Concordia*, *Marquis de Prie*; 'tis not known when they will return.

The 3 Ships which have also been put upon the List by the Governors of the Ostend Company, viz. *The St. Anthony of Padua*, *St. Anne*, and *St. Joseph*, are only Advice-ships sent to Brazil with Orders concerning the Return of the rest.

From the *Flying Post*, Sept. 14.

London, Sept. 14. About half a Dozen Under servants of his Majesty's Household have died within these few Days, many have been indisposed, but the rest are out of Danger.

His Grace the Duke of Richmond is appointed Lord High Chancellor for their Majesties Coronation; also one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Bed-chamber.

Among others who were killed at the late dreadful Fire at Burwell, are Mr. Henry Rodes and his Wife, Officer of the Excise in the said Town; also Mr. Sheppard, who was Master of the Puppet-show, with his Wife, Daughter, and two Servants. 'Tis impossible to express the miserable afflicted State the Country is in; not a Family near but has lost a Relation or Friend; several Women have perished big with Child; it has spoilt all the Business of those Sorts of People for many Years to come.

Weymouth, September 11. This Morning came in to Portland Road, the *Margaret* of Queen's Ferry in Scotland for Seville, &c.

Deal, Sept. 11. Remain *Anglesea*, *Plymouth*, *Medway*, *Chatham*, *Rose*, and *Deal Castle* Men of War.



Arrived *Anne and Mary*, Captain Moodie from Lisbon.

London, Sept. 14. This Morning the Court of Claims allowed the Earl of Scarborough to have all the Silver Plate used in the Scullary, &c. at their Majesty's Coronation. The Earl of Exeter to have the Silver Ewer his Majesty washes in; Champion Dymoke, to have the best Horse in the King's Stables. Seven other Claims were also allowed, and two rejected. There are eight less Claims at this Coronation than at the last.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Sept. 16.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from Flanders.

THE Delay which has been used by the King of Spain in ratifying the Preliminary Articles for a General Peace, hath given Occasion of several Jealousies and uneasiness among the contracting Powers; and how far satisfied they may be with the Answer of his Catholick Majesty brought by the French Mail last Thursday, we don't pretend to determine. Mean Time some People here think it to be trifling, and that there is great Intriguing at certain Courts; but we are told by Letters which arrived Yesterday from Paris, that two Couriers are gone back again to Madrid; with the Answers to what they had brought, and 'tis expected that their Return will be very speedy, His Most Christian Majesty having as they say most earnestly press'd for a Dispatch; and 'tis even given out, That those two Couriers were the last that will be sent to Madrid upon the present Occasion of ratifying the said Preliminaries.

However it be, 'tis most certain, That our Government will not suffer themselves to be amused, nor suffer our undoubted Right to Gibraltar and Portmahon so much as to be questioned in any future Congress.

The Preparations for the Coronation of their Majesties, are such as draw great Numbers of Spectators to see them. 'Tis computed that in Westminster Abbey, the Hall and Avenues between them, where the King Queen, and Royal Family appears, the Peers, Peeresses, Knights of the Bath, &c. are to walk in Procession, Seats are provided for 200,000 People; and many of these from 5 to 8 Guinea each, and few less than half a Guinea. The Hall in particular where this illustrious Company is to assemble, is curiously adorned, and so well contrived

as to admit of vast Numbers of Spectators. A Table is prepared for the Royal Family, at the upper End of the Hall, on the ascent where the Court of Chancery and King's Bench are held; and the other Tables for the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, &c. are ranged from the ascent almost the whole Length of the Hall; and Seats 9 or 10 one above another on each Side the Table, for Persons of Distinction.

The King's Cooks and Board of Green Cloath, met Yesterday to settle the Bill of Fare for the Royal Banquet, which 'tis said will consist of above 1000 Dishes.

They write from York, That on the 8th Inst. the Reverend Mr. Mitchel, first Chaplain to his Majesty for Scotland, and one of the three Ministers sent from thence to attend his Majesty, died there in his way to London.

In the General Court that was held last Thursday of the South Sea Company, pretty warm Debates arose, some of which related to Misconduct, particularly in the Inspection of By Laws, &c. Mean Time the Friends of a certain Gentleman, endeavour to make these Objections to be without Foundation, and raised only with a View to prejudice his Election for one of the Representatives of this City in the ensuing Parliament, which is to commence the 10th Proximo.

Here come in the Elections.

P. S. 'Tis confirmed from Courland, That Count Maurice of Saxony having entrenched himself into the Island of Womates, with 600 Dragoons and some Foot, and several Gentlemen in Quality of Volunteers; he had been attacked by the Russians, and not being able to sustain the Shock he retired to the Frontiers of Prussia, with the Loss of 12 Pieces of Cannon, 14 Barrels of Powder and divers Officers and Soldiers taken Prisoners.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Sept. 16.

Rome, Aug. 30. Some Days ago arrived here the Count de Gros from Turin by the Way of Genoa, to relieve the Marquis d'Orme the King of Sardinia's Minister. His Sardinian Majesty has sent the Pope another rich Present of 2 large Silver Vessels curiously embossed, one representing the Nativity of our Saviour, and the other the Adoration of the Kings. The Pontiff presently ordered them to be sold, and the Money distribute among the Poor. On the other Hand his Holiness

has sent to the King of Sardinia the Bull of the Crusade, by which every Clergyman in his Dominions is to pay each 15 Julios (each being 5 pence English) for their Patrimonial Estate; which good Office is owing to Signior Lambertini, who was Instrumental in bringing about the Accomodation between the two Courts.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, Sept. 23.

Petersburg, Aug. 30. The Departure of the Emperor for Moscow is fixed to the 15th of October. Count de Rabutin, Minister of the Emperor of the Romans, will go along: 'Tis assured he is to conclude the Treaty which has been so long upon the Anvil, and which will prove so very advantageous to both Empires.

Madrid, Sept. 1. They write from Cadix, That 2 Ships of the French Squadron had sailed thence to cruize, but that they had got no News of Admiral Wager since his Departure from the Bay of Gibraltar with 8 Ships of his Squadron. They write from Biscay, That they had launched there 2 new Men of War, and that against the Beginning of next Month there would be 4 more ready to be launched.

The Health of his Catholick Majesty, which has been changeable for some Time past, is now perfectly established. His Majesty gave Audience this Morning to the Foreign Ministers: The Prince Scherbatow, Minister-Plenipotentiary of Russia, was of the Number, who then notified the Death of the Empress his late Sovereign, and the Accession of his Master Peter II. to the Throne: The Queen received this Morning the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers, on occasion of the Birth of the Infant James, &c.

Paris, Sept. 15. We see here published an Arret, granted by Order of his Majesty in Council, suppressing the two Books, affirming the *Validity of the English Ordination*.

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Paris, Sept. 15. The King received, before his Departure for Fontainebleau, the Answers of the King and Queen of Spain to the Letter his Majesty had sent to them, about their mutual Reconciliation, and the Birth of the two Princesses; whereupon his Majesty went into the Apartment of the Queen, and all the Court was Witness to the Sa-

tisfaction which their Majesties expressed on that Occasion.

Hague, Sept. 18. The Ambassador of Portugal delivered lately to the States General a long Memorial concerning the Guinea Trade; wherein he makes very grievous Complaints against our West India Company.

Petersburg, Aug. 21. Prince Menzicoff assisted at a grand Council last Week; but at the End of the Council he was like to faint away, so that he was obliged to be carried back to his Apartment, where he continues to keep his Bed.

London, Sept. 16. Early this Morning a Fire broke out in Pepper-Alley near London-Bridge, which consumed 4 or 5 Houses before it could be extinguished.

We have Accounts from many Parts of the Kingdom, that Distempers are so very fatal, that 'tis difficult to get either Physicians or Nurses.

S.S. Stock, 109, 7 8ths.

From the Craftsman, Sept. 16.

As to the Affairs of the Pretender, (which begin to make a Noise again) 'tis presum'd no Stress will be laid upon it by any Man of Sense, who considers the universal Affection which the People have declared for his present Majesty: Yet some People who love to frighten both themselves and Neighbours with the Name of the Pretender, seem to be very uneasy at his late Progress thro' France, and his present Residence at Avignon; alledging, that tho' that Place is in some Measure under the Jurisdiction of the Pope, yet it is at the same time under the Influence, as well as in the Dominions of our French Alley, so that he was obliged to depart from thence some Years ago at the Instance of the late Regent.

London, Sept. 16. The Election for Members of Parliament for this City, is to come on the 10th of October.

'Tis said the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Knight of the Garter, &c. will walk at the Ceremony of the Coronation, in the Robes of that most Noble Order.

We hear that a certain Gentleman, who hath very great Relations, is recalled from an Embassy to which he was lately appointed.

At the late Fire at Barwell several Ladies of Fortune perished.

Edinburgh, Sept 21. On Tuesday last the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Orkney, Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces, went to review his Government of the Castle; on which Occasion there was a Round of Great Guns upon his Entry, and a proportionate Number at his Departure.

Yesterday the Election of the Sixteen Scots Peers came on at the Abbey of Holy-Rood-House; when the following were elected, viz.

His Grace the Duke of Montrose.

The Right Honourable the Marquis of Tweeddale.

The Right Honourable the Earls of Sutherland, Rothes, Buchan, Haddington, Loudon, Findlater, Stair, Orkney, Selkirk, Hoptoun, Delorain, Marchmont, Dunmore, and Isla.

So that the above List is the same with the last, except that in place of his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh, the deceased Earl of Rothes, and the Earl of Aberdeen; the present Earl of Rothes, and the Earls of Marchmont and Dunmore, are elected. Most of the Nobility went off instantly after the Election, in order to assist at the Coronation of their Majesties.

There were some Protests lodged; particularly one by Mr. Mackenzie of Frazerdale, who claims the Title, &c. of Lord Lovat, against the present Possessor of that Title and Estate. Which Protest was moved by the Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore.

A Protest was likewise entred by the Earl of Sutherland, against the Earl of Crawford, &c. for Precedency.

From Dysart we hear, That the Honourable Colonel Sinclair, Brother to the Rt. Hon. my Lord

Sinclair, has been Elected for the Burghs of Dysart, Kirkaldy, Kinghorn and Burntisland.

We learn from Dumfries, That Archibald Douglas of Cavers has been *unanimously* elected for the District of Burghs of Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Annan, Lochmaben and Sanquhar. And,

From Jedburgh, That William Douglas Junior of Cavers, has been elected by a great Majority, for the Shire of Roxburgh or Teviotdale, in Opposition to Sir William Ker.

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†† The Præses and Council of the HUNTERS have agreed, That their annual Hunting Meeting shall be at Kello the second Wednesday of October next; and it is expected that all the Companions of the Order should attend at the said Meeting.

[§] Whoever wants the STAGE COACH for London, may enquire at Mr. Clark Vintner over-against the Earl of Murray's Lodging in the Canongate, Edinburgh: Where they may be furnished with good Coaches and Horses (besides the Stage-coach) for Thirty Pound Sterl. from Edinburgh to London, on seven Days Advertisement, by the said Mr. Clark: Likewise, at the *Black-Swan-Inn* in Holburn, London, at the same Price to Edinburgh; enquiring for the Keeper of the Edinburgh Stage-coach there.

§§ If any Gentleman inclines to entertain a Man well-experienc'd in Inclosing of Land with Ditch and Planting, Draining of wat'ry Ground, Improving with Lime or Marl, or any other Manure; Sowing all sorts of Grass-seed, or Breeding and Feeding Cattle, Raising and Planting Fruit and Forest Trees, and Making of Gardens; One capable to perform as above, (who has served several of the best Quality in North and South Britain for 20 Years past) will attend, on a Letter directed, To John Weakly, at Mrs. Ross's Stabler in Canongate-head, Edinburgh.

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